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RESTORATION OF BRIDGES CONTINUES;
PLAUE SHIPYARD ACTIVITY INCREASES

TO BUILD BRIDGE OVER ELBE-HAVEL CHANNEL -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 31, 5 Feb 50

Preliminary operations are under way for the construction of a bridge to span the Elbe-Havel channel, linking it with the Magdeburg highway. The investment plan provides 800,000 Deutsche marks for this project.

PEENE RIVER BRIDGE RESTORED -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 67, 19 Mar 50

The Peene River bridge linking Usedom with the mainland, which was destroyed by the SS, has been restored and will be reopened on 27 March.

DESCRIBES PLAUE SHIPYARD -- Wirtschaft im Aufbau, No 8, 15 Apr 49

The shipyard in Plaue, about 7 kilometers from Brandenburg, was formerly owned by P. O. Walter, Berlin, and became people owned-property on 1 July 1948. It specializes in the repair of both sailing and motor vessels used for inland waterways, especially such vessels as dredgers for use on canals between Havelberg and Wittenberge. It also rebuilds war-damaged ships and is building a new, 700-gross-register-ton motorship for export. Furthermore, to fulfill the machine-building program, the shipyard's machine shop also produces spare parts for tractors and sawmills, repairs rollers, and builds peat cutting machines. During the past year, it also built a complete gas-generating installation for the optical industry in Rathenow.

Not only does the shipyard possess good, complete mechanical equipment for ship repairs, but it also has a large engine workshop and a carpenter shop which can take care of wooden ships and which makes ship's furnishings. A barracks building near the entrance to the shipyard contains a kitchen and mess hall, a first-aid station with a nurse in constant attendance, a shower room, and recreation rooms. Another small building contains the management's office, trade-union offices, the construction office, etc.

The shipyard had a turnover of 701,000 Deutsche marks in 1946, 742,000 in 1947, and 1.5 million in 1948 as a people-owned plant. The number of employees has increased from 105 in 1946 to 264 in 1949.

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